

PRESS RELEASE

MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

On July 1, 2014 Detectives from the Middletown Police Department Narcotics Unit attempted to stop a silver Acura traveling east on Grand Street for motor vehicle violations.

Detectives approached the vehicle and requested the operator step out of the vehicle. The operator refused to get out of the vehicle. The operator then attempted to put the vehicle back into gear as a detective attempted to stop him. The operator then accelerated through the intersection at Pearl Street, as the detective was partially in the vehicle. The driver's side door of the vehicle remained open. The detective attempted to gain control of the vehicle and the operator but was unsuccessful. The vehicle came to a stop just east of the Pearl Street intersection as the detective once again attempted to remove the operator from the vehicle.

The vehicle once again sped forward while the detective was hanging out of the vehicle. A second detective returned to their vehicle and proceeded to follow the Acura as it sped off. The detective in the Acura once again attempted to gain control of the operator and the vehicle. As the vehicle was proceeding forward it collided with two vehicles parked along the northern curb. The detective was narrowly able to close the driver's side door and avoid being crushed. One of the parked vehicles sustained minor damage from the driver's side door of the Acura colliding with it.

An officer in a marked patrol cruiser was able to position his vehicle on Grand Street in order to stop the Acura. The Acura crashed into the patrol cruiser causing minor damage. The operator of the Acura was identified as 23 year old Josph Nevico of Cromwell, CT. Nevico was taken into custody on Grand St.

Both the Detective and Nevico sustained minor injuries and were treated and released from the hospital.

The incident is being investigated by the Middletown Police Traffic Unit along with the Middletown Police Street Crime Unit.

Joseph Nevico was subsequently arrested for the following charges and held on a \$500,000.00 Bond.

Traveling Too Fast

Failure to Display a Front Marker Plate

Unsafe Backing

Interfering with an Officer

Failure to Obey Officer's Signal

Engaging in a Pursuit

Assault on a Police Officer
Criminal Attempt Assault First
Reckless Endangerment
Reckless Driving
Failure to Obey Stop Sign

